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**Evaluation of Youth Programs at the  
Social Development Centers According to  
their Social and Recreational Needs**  
**A Study Applied to the Social  
Development Centre of Al-Dir'iyya  
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## **Thesis Abstract**

Social development is for the community and its different categories, and for satisfying the needs of such community according to the available resources. Attention is focused on youth because they represent the most important category of the community. All countries have been seeking, through ages, to develop this influential and important segment, and to satisfy their needs through all of their public and private sectors' institutions.

The concept of satisfaction of needs has evolved in the modern era, and is no longer limited to material incentives solely, but also extended to other aspects of social and recreational activities and the like, and that enterprises need to evaluate their programs.

The study problem is delimited to the evaluation of youth programs in the social development centers according to their social and recreational needs, which is a study applied to the Centre for Social Development at Al-Dir'iyya District.

### **Objectives of the study:**

The main objective of this study is to evaluate youth programs in the social development centers, and the services that can be offered by these centers to beneficiaries through their social and recreational programs. In the following, the researcher represents the objectives of the study:

- 1- To identify the extent to which youth programs, at the Social Development Center at Dir'iyya, satisfy the youth's social and recreational needs;
- 2- To identify the obstacles facing the implementation of the social and recreational youth programs of Social Development Center at Dir'iyya
- 3- To reach recommendations as to activate youth programs in the social development centers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in general and the Social Development Center at Dir'iyya in particular in order to satisfy their social and recreational needs

### **Study questions**

- 1- To what extent do youth programs at Social Development Center at Dir'iyya satisfy the youth's social and recreational needs?

- 2- What are the obstacles to the implementation of youth's social and recreational programs in the Center from the viewpoint of the beneficiaries of the Center's services and its staff?
- 3- What are the differences between the views of beneficiaries and the views of the workers at the center as to the ability of the youth's social and recreational programs to meet their needs and the obstacles that prevent implementation?
- 4- What are the recommendations proposed to activate youth programs in the social development centers in general and the Social Development Center at Dir'iyya in particular to satisfy youth's social and recreational programs needs?

Methodological procedures of the study:

First: the study type and approach:

This study is of the type of evaluation studies, where it highlights an issue that has scarcely been studied in the Saudi society. the survey study (Social Survey) method has been chosen for its relevance to the problem of the study.

Second: The scope of the study:

- 1- The Human Scope: workers including administrators, specialists and supervisors working for the Centre as well as the beneficiaries of the center's programs from the youth category
- 2- The Spatial Scope: Social Development Center at Dir'iyya
- 3- The Temporal Scope: During the first month of spring of 1427.

The most important findings of the study:

- 1- The study showed that the social development center focuses its attention on the sports programs more than on other programs
- 2- The study showed that the category of unmarried young people are the most benefiting category from the Center's programs, which is a positive indicator for the prevention of youth delinquency.